

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, please add the following new paragraphs before paragraph [0001]:

- [0000.2] CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS
- [0000.4] This application is a 35 USC 371 application of PCT/DE 2004/000930
filed on May 3, 2004.
- [0000.6] BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION
- [0000.8] Field of the Invention

Please replace paragraph [0002] with the following amended paragraph:

- [0002] ~~Prior Art~~ **Description of the Prior Art**

Page 2, please replace paragraph [0004] with the following amended paragraph:

[0004] The object of the present invention is to ~~disclose~~ **provide** a pressure-holding valve, a tool, a set, and/or a fuel injection system, which make it easily possible to selectively reduce the minimum pressure to be maintained by the pressure-holding valve.

Please replace paragraph [0005] with the following amended paragraph:

- [0005] ~~Advantages of the Invention~~

SUMMARY AND ADVANTAGES OF THE INVENTION

Page 4, please replace paragraph [0013] with the following amended paragraph:

[0013] With a tool for reducing the pressure in an above-described pressure-holding valve, the above-indicated object is attained in that the tool has a cup-shaped base body with a bottom from which an essentially circular, cylindrical ~~circumference~~ **circumferential** wall

extends, whose inner diameter is slightly greater than the outer circumference of the pressure-holding valve in the region of the first connection. When the fuel is bled from the valve housing, the tool is slid onto the first connection so that the ~~circumference~~ **circumferential** surface of the cup partially encompasses the valve housing in order to catch the escaping fuel.

Page 6, please replace paragraph [0017] with the following amended paragraph:

[0017] ~~Drawings~~ **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

Please replace paragraph [0018] with the following amended paragraph:

[0018] Other advantages, features, and details of the present invention ensue from the following description in which various exemplary embodiments are described in detail in conjunction with the drawings[[.]] , **in which:**

Page 7, please replace paragraph [0026] with the following amended paragraph:

[0026] ~~Description of the Exemplary Embodiments~~

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Page 9, please replace paragraph [0034] with the following amended paragraph:

[0034] One end of a pressure pin 35 is situated close to the valve cup 25 and its other end is integrally connected to a positioning disk 36. The positioning disk 36 cooperates with a **fixing filter** disk 37 in order to fix a filter sheet 38 in place. The second spring device 33 holds the positioning disk 36, the fixing disk 37, and the interposed fixing sheet 38 against the inside of the valve housing cover 22. On the side of the fixing disk 37 oriented away

from the positioning disk 36, an annular bead 39 is provided toward the radial outside, which rests against the inside of the valve housing cover 22. This produces a space between the fixing disk 37 and the valve housing cover 22, which assures that fuel can travel to and from the connection fitting 23.

Page 11, please replace paragraph [0039] with the following amended paragraph:
[0039] In order to relieve the pressure in the segment 16 of the return line and the inside of the pressure-holding valve between the bottom 21 and the valve cup 25, the arbor 75 of the tool 70 is inserted into the first connection fitting 23 until the free end of the arbor 75 comes into contact with the fixing disk 37. Then the arbor 75 is inserted further into the valve housing 20, which moves the fixing disk 37, the positioning disk 36, and the pressure pin 35 toward the valve cup 25 until the pressure pin 35 comes into contact with the valve cup 25 or the valve ball 32. If the pressure pin [[75]] 35 is moved further in the same direction, i.e. toward the second connection fitting 24, then the valve cup 25 lifts away from the O-ring 28 and the fuel contained in the valve housing 20 between the valve cup 25 and the bottom 21 can bypass the valve cup 25 and escape through the first connection fitting 23 into the cup-shaped tool 70. In this state, the circumference edge of the tool 70 oriented away from the bottom 73 is situated in the region of the valve housing cover 22 with enough overlap to reliably prevent an undesired escape of pressurized fuel from the cup-shaped tool 70.